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Applicant : HERBST, Richard

Appl. No. : 09/904,937

Filing Date: July 12, 2001

For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
INJECTION-MOLDING PLASTIC
MATERIAL ARTICLES CONSISTING
OF A PLURALITY OF COMPONENTS

Examiner : ORTIZ, Angela Y.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 23, 2003 (Paper Number 9), the Applicant elects Claim Group II, Claims 36-53, drawn to an apparatus for injection molding plastic material articles. The Applicant makes this election without traverse and respectfully requests prompt examination on the merits of the elected claims.

By this paper, the Applicant hereby withdraws Claims 28-35 drawn to a method of injection molding plastic material articles, however reserves the right to pursue the restricted subject matter in a subsequent divisional application.

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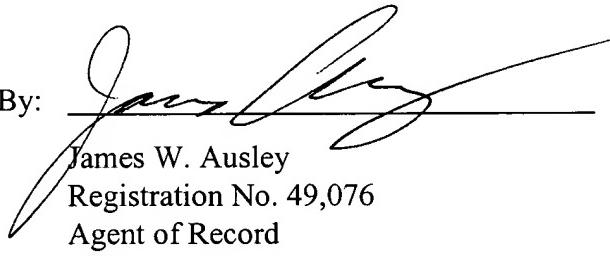
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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